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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CPRS, ETRD, EEWT, RO

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF MFN FOR ROMANIA AND THE TUDOR
CLAIM

REF: STATE 089739, BUCHAREST 2802

1. DURING A CONVERSATION ON MAY 26, CONGRESSMAN VANIK INFORMED EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS THAT WHILE HE WAS NOT REALLY WORRIED ABOUT SENATE APPROVAL OF HUNGARIAN MFN AGREEMENT DESPITE CLOSE HOUSE VOTE ON MAY 22, WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED TO UNINFORMED OPPOSITION, HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR RENEWAL OF WAIVER FOR THE ROMANIAN AGREEMENT. IN ADDITION TO ROMANIA'S UNINSPIRING RECORD ON DIVIDED FAMILIES AND ITS NEGATIVE IMAGE IN THE EYES OF MANY, VANIK SAID HE WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE TUDOR CLAIM PROBLEM SINCE HE UNDERSTANDS THAT SENATOR LONG MAY BLOCK MFN RENEWAL.

2. LUERS RECEIVED CALL MAY 26 FROM ATTORNEY MERRIGAN, WHO ALSO HINTED THAT SENATOR LONG INTENDED TO CAUSE TROUBLE FOR ROMANIA DURING THE MFN/TRADE AGREEMENT HEARINGS.
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3. DURING UPCOMING CALL BY AMBASSADOR NICOLAE ON LUERS, SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 30 (REQUESTED BY NICOLAE TO DISCUSS STATUS OF MFN WAIVER RECOMMENDATION), LUERS WILL REMIND NICOLAE OF OUR CONCERN OVER GOR INACTION ON TUDOR CLAIM AND WILL INFORM HIM OF SENATOR LONG'S REPORTED INTENTIONS.

4. REQUESTED ACTION. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT
REPORT REGARDING ANY ROMANIAN RESPONSE TO NOTE VERBALE
WHICH EMBASSY SAID IT WOULD PRESENT TO GOR ON APRIL 27
(BUCHAREST 2802). IF NO RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED,
SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY ARRANGE APPROPRIATE CALL TO REINFORCE
MESSAGE WHICH LUERS WILL GIVE NICOLAE ON IMPORTANCE OF
SHOWING COOPERATION ON THE TUDOR CLAIM. VANCE

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